

PHILA. FEMALE ANTI-
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THE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENTED BY
Pennsylvania
Abolition Society

From Sept. /62 to Nov. /64

Minutes of the
Phila. Female Anti. Slavery Society

A stated meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 9th 11th 1862.

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mary Grew reported having attended to the publishing of the resolutions passed at our last meeting.

Miller McKim after making a few remarks introduced to this Society two loyal South Carolinians - Prince Rivers (who is a Sergeant in the 1st Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers) and Brian White, both from Beaufort.

Prince Rivers gave an interesting account of the escape of his master's family from Beaufort, and his own past history, manifesting much true nobility of soul on the part of the oppressed one.

Brian White also addressed the meeting, giving a most graphic description of his own attempts and final success for freedom - how he was twice captured and imprisoned but managed to escape; again taken and condemned to death, again with almost

superhuman effort wearing, travelling
six days and nights - without food and
with his manacles and he at last
reached the Union Army. Gen. ^{Stearns} Hunter
bought bought his manacles.

The following resolutions were read and
adopted

Whereas, Events since our last meeting have
not realized the hopes with which we separated,
of the speedy triumph of freedom and

Whereas - In our opinion the action of those
who influence the direction of national movement
evinces a deplorable want of faith in the power
of righteousness, to purify, invigorate & exalt
a nation - and -

Whereas, we see in this discouraging fact, the
natural consequence of the systematic sup-
pression & perversion, for a long course of years,
of Anti-Slavery truths by those who were
plotting the overthrow of our free institutions
still operating upon the ignorance of the
community - therefore

Resolved - That in this crisis our members
should be roused to renewed diligence,
and should continue by every means in

their power to endeavor to lift the dark
cloud of ignorance and prejudice that
yet hides the truth from our people
and disposes them to acquiesce in a
policy, which while ignoring the sin
of oppression & unheeding the cry of the
oppressed, refuses to disturb the oppressor
in his power; ~~they wait for~~ "they wait for
light, but behold obscurity - for bright-
ness, but, they walk in darkness"

Resolved - That we look with great interest
& confidence of success, upon the experiment,
now making, with the sanction & assistance of
the Government at Port Royal S. C. by the
friends of the Freedman, to demonstrate the
possibility of the profitable employment of
free labor in the cultivation of cotton.

Resolved that we regard with deep
interest, the efforts of the enlightened and
devoted men & women, who have left their
homes to instruct the negroes, who ^{have} refused
to follow their fugitive masters, choosing
rather to "take care of themselves", ^{happily}
obtained the opportunity of improvement,

which these faithful friends of humanity have
been so ready to offer.

Resolved - That in the devotion of Matilda
Thompson, one of our youngest members,
to this arduous labor, we would assure her
of our loving sympathy & desires for her
success in the distant field of usefulness
which she has chosen.

Resolved - That in the death of our
venerable and venerated friend Heas
Grew, this Society feels the loss of a most
faithful and earnest coadjutor.

Esponsing the A.S. Cause, when it was first
agitated in this country he continued to give
it his faithful, consistent support to the day
of his death, never faltering for a moment
even in its darkest hours.

The measure of a long and excellent life
being filled, he now rests from his labors;
we would cherish his memory, as to
strengthen our own faithfulness to the
cause we love.

After a few remarks by members the Society
adjourned

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A stated meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-
Slavery Society held October 9th 1862
President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Hannah Lee
Stichney was appointed Secretary pro-tem
The minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved

The president offered some remarks in
relation to the recent death of Benjamin L. Lons-
who had devoted the greater part of his life
to the Anti-Slavery Cause, in which he had been
a most efficient worker. The career of future
usefulness that seemed opening before him in
his new place of residence had been suddenly
closed and we could only rejoice in the bright
example of untiring devotion afforded by his life.

Lventia Mott spoke of his fidelity and the
readiness which he always evinced to make
sacrifices for the slave.

Edward Davis desired to bear testimony to his
worth - and spoke of the value of his services
in the early days of the cause. He was the
first agent who took the management of the
Anti-Slavery Office, which at that time was
located at 220 Arch St in a small room

in the hour of — comfort. It was opened
only in the evening and several young men took
their turns in attendance. Benjamin Laves was
now then working at his trade — cabinet-making
and he generally kept a smooth planed
board by his side on which he wrote poetry.

It was proposed to him to take charge of the
Office as the exigencies of the Cause seemed to
demand that it should be kept open during
the day. He very gladly accepted the
charge and from that time proved himself
a most devoted and useful laborer — ever
faithful to his convictions of duty.

Rachel Moon was present and invited to speak
She made some remarks on the destitute condition
of the contrabands, and the necessity of providing
for their wants. That some effort must be made
to ensure the safe delivery of the articles sent to
their relief, as it was known in some cases that
they had never reached the persons for whom they
had been intended. She invited the cooperation of
this Society & proposed that a delegation should go
to Washington to attend to this business.

Eduard Davis approved of this proposition. He said
the Contrabands in Washington and the vicinity were

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in a more necessitous condition than at any
other place — no systematic efforts had been
made for their benefit as at Fort Royal &
Forten Monroe. He thought it was now the
proper work of Abolitionists to attend to
these people and to see that the Proclamation
of the President was carried out.

Abby Kimball expressed the hope that we
should devote our attention to this work
and give to it the time and labor we had
usually expended on the fair — which was to
be dispensed with the present year.

Lucretia Mott spoke of the Proclamation of
the President — as a measure fraught with
great good — though not all we could have
wished, still affording cause for gratitude
and triumph on the part of Abolitionists — if
properly carried out a bright prospect was
opening before us.

Rachel Moon thought it a very just arrangement
the only ray of hope, the only bright spot
in this dark and distressing war, that the slaves
were already making the advantage of it — more
than five hundred having come into Cairo
since it was issued.

On motion a Committee was appointed to prepare resolutions on the Emancipation Proclamation of the President.

Wm. Lee & Abby Kimber were appointed
Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 11mo 13th 1862.

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The President made some remarks on the recent death of Warner Luntz who has always been a firm friend and generous contributor to our cause. I must also allude to the loss we had sustained by his death.

The Committee on resolutions were not prepared to report. The Committee was continued.

Rachel Jackson who has recently been on a visit to the Contract and Camp near Washington was invited to give some account of her visit there. She said she found them in a very destitute condition. Government supplies work for the men and pays them, but the women and children must suffer until

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from the cold unless some effort is made to afford them relief. They are provided with Government rations, food bread and meat. They sleep in tents and sheds.

The Hospital in which the sick are accommodated is very much crowded and the air pestilential. Typhoid fever and Low throats prevailing. The beds had no shuttles, nearly all having been used for winding shuttles for them who had died. There were 70 men sick and as many women. A thousand graves had been contracted for. The fact she had been informed had she heard in his work and the Hospital was in a terrible condition.

The Matron Rachel C. G. Patton had taken the children when mothers had died and established an orphan asylum. There was a school of sixty children.

She (the matron) sold articles at a low rate to them who could afford to buy them and used the money for procuring little delicacies for the sick. There ought to be some systematic employment afforded them. Idleness is painfully apparent.

Margaret Griscom moved that a Committee
from this Society be appointed to cooperate
with

The motion was amended and laid over
for another month.

The President said she was glad to notice
that there were several strangers present
and invited them to come again

On motion adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 12mo 11th 1862

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and adopted.

Miller McKim introduced to the meeting
Capt Hooper from Fort Royal, who gave
a very interesting account of the present state
of affairs at that place. He stated that the
colored population was from ten to twelve thousand
and that the great need there now was for teachers.
Their eagerness to learn is surprising.

Miller McKim also made some remarks

The motion offered by M. Griscom at our last meeting
was again laid over

Lucretia Mott offered the following resolution, which
was adopted.

Resolved that this Society cooperate with
the State Society to hold a public Meeting
after the 1st of January if the President issue his
Proclamation of Freedom

After remarks by Dr Thomas Mays Gen L. Mott
and Samuel Myers the Society adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 1mo 8th 1863

The President read a portion of the
107 Psalm and then words of Garrison: The
liberation of 3,000,000 slaves will be hailed
with joy and thanksgiving by the friends of
freedom and human brotherhood throughout
the world. It is a great historic event,
sublime in its magnitude, momentous &
beneficent in its far-reaching consequences, &
eminently just and right alike to the oppressor
and to the oppressed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read

and adopted.

Many Green offered the following resolutions which after a slight amendment were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the President of the United States did, on the first day of January 1863, proclaim that all persons held as slaves within the States of Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Louisiana, with the exception of certain parishes, and eastern Virginia with the exception of certain counties, are and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive Government of the United States, including the Military and Naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons; therefore,

Resolved, that we hail, with unutterable joy and gratitude, the Day of Jubilee which has dawned on the American Nation, and the Emancipation of millions of American Slaves in whose behalf this Association has for thirty years, hopefully labored; and as we have sympathetically entered into their sufferings and borne their burdens, we are now partakers of the joy with which, casting off their broken fetters, they are rising, new-born and exultant,

into a life of Freedom.

Resolved, that in the enfranchisement of these millions, and in the signs of the times which distinctly indicate the speedy abolition of Slavery in the remaining portions of the Union, we find the consummation of our work; the fruition of our hopes; and find for all our toil and sacrifices, glorious "recompense of reward".

It was moved and adopted that these resolutions be published in some of the daily papers, and in the Sunday Despatch.

Anna M. Hooper and Lucretia Lewis were appointed to attend to the publication thereof.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Green, and adopted.

Resolved, that we deeply sympathize with our fellow-laborers, the members of this Association whose friends and relatives have fallen on the battle-fields of our Country, fighting for freedom; and that we trust that those who are thus bereaved may find some consolation in the fact that lives so dear to them were sacrificed in the cause of the Slave's deliverance.

Sydney Ann Lewis, Ellen Leibel & Clementine

Johns, was appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Saml Cope and Abby Kimball were appointed to procure a house to hold our Annual Meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary was requested to send a copy of her resolutions to the President of the United States.

Saml Cope announced that the meeting in commemoration of the President's Proclamation of Freedom, will be held on the day named at Sanson Hall

Adjourned.

At the Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society held 2mo 12th 1863

The President in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

In consequence of the illness of the Cor. Sec. the Annual Report was not presented. It was moved and adopted that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet the 2^d fifth day in 3mo

The following report of the Treasurer was presented and accepted

Phila. Female A.S.S. in account with Annie Shoemaker Treas.
1862

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Tr	Subscription to N.A.S. Standard 50 copies \$100.00
Tr	" " " Liberator 10 " 25.00
Tr	" " " London A.S. Advocate 5 " 5.00
	" Rent of Hall for Annual Meeting 4.00
Tr	Printing Annual Report 23.25
Tr	Donation to P. S. Society 100.00
Tr	American A.S. Society for support of N.A.S. Standard 100.00
Tr	Advertising 4.25
Tr	Postage on Reports 2.00
2mo 1863	Tr Balance in Treasury 160.21
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	\$523.71

1862

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By	Balance in Treasury 409.24
	" Sale of Articles from Jan 9/61 37.47
	" Interest on Bequest of Phoebe Jackson 15.00
	" Members Subscriptions 62.00
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	\$523.71

Auditor

On motion it was resolved that this Society continue to subscribe for the following papers;

50 Copies of the National A.S. Standard

10 - - - Liberator

The following Committee was appointed to take charge of the distribution of these papers viz
Margaret Lincoln & Sarah Pugh

The following persons were appointed to serve this Society as Officers for the ensuing year:

President Sarah Pugh

Vice President Sidney Ann Lewis

Recording Sec. Gulielmus M. Jones

Corresponding Sec. Mary Ann

Treasurer Annie Shoemaker

Auditor Lydia Killingham

Board of Managers

Lucretia Matt Hannah L. Stebbins

Anna M. Kopper Sarah H. Pierce

Rebecca L. Hart Rosanna Thompson

Sarah Pugh mentioned the death of Elizabeth Carran who was a faithful and efficient worker in our cause.

On motion adjourned

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At an adjourned Annual Meeting of the Phila. Female A.S. Society held 3rd mo 12th 1863.

The President in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

In consequence of the continued indisposition of the Corresponding Sec the Annual Report was not ready for presentation

Adjourned to meet again on the 9th of 4th mo

At a stated meeting of the Phila Female A.S. Society held 3rd mo 12th 1863.

The President in the Chair

An effort having been made to prevent the migration of colored people into this State, it was proposed to send the following remonstrance to the Legislature

The Phila Female Anti-Slavery Society, respectfully remonstrate against the adoption of a law to prevent the migration into this State, of colored persons, or any other class of unoffending people, and earnestly beseech your body to save the State from the disgrace of such an unconstitutional and inhuman enactment. Adopted

On motion adjourned

At an adjourned Annual Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slaves Society held 4mo 9th 1863.

The President in the chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Annual Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary.

Miller McKim and Lucretia Mott spoke on the report and it was then adopted.

It was ordered that 500 copies of the Report be printed. Mary Grew and Sarah Pugh were appointed to take charge of the publication of the Report.

Sarah C. Richards and Annette A. Stray joined the Society.

On Motion adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slaves Society, held 4mo 9th 1863

The President in the chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mary Grew reported ^{that} a copy of the remonstrance ordered at our last meeting to be forwarded to our Legislature, had been sent. Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slaves Society held 5mo 14th 1863

The President in the chair

The Sec. being absent Mary Grew was appointed Sec. pro. tem.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Many members of the Society being in attendance at the Friends' Yearly Meeting in this City, and at the Anniversary Meeting of the American Anti-Slaves Society in New York, our meeting was small in members, but not, consequently, devoid of interest.

Mary Grew, on behalf of the Committee on printing the Annual Report, stated that 500 copies had been printed, a large number of which were ready for circulation.

Sarah Pugh & Rosanna Thompson were appointed a Committee to attend to the proper distribution of them.

The present aspect of the Anti-Slaves cause, the prospects of the slave, and of the country, were discussed; and the

Speakers alluded to the vicissitudes of the past, in contrast to the present comparative popularity of the Anti Slaves name; and all present rejoiced to see that new and younger workers are coming into the Guild in which we have so long labored.

Mrs Thompson gave some interesting accounts received from the Island of St Helena, after which the meeting adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slaves Society held 6th mo 1863.

The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Sarah Pugh reported that she had attended to the Circulation of the Annual Report, and that about sixty Copies had been sent to friends in England.

The subject of a more suitable place to hold an Stated Meeting, came up. Sarah Pugh and

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Anna Hopper were appointed a Committee to ascertain if an other room can be procured, and report to our next meeting.

A letter from Wm Keen, Leanning was read introducing to our notice Oreda Estelle Dubois who was present at the meeting.

Miss Dubois was in early life a slave in Alabama when she escaped to Berlin when she was educated. She has been a teacher several years in Hayti, and her mission here is, to obtain funds to establish there, a school for girls.

Sarah Pugh read a letter and Circular from Mentin Taylor, England, informing us that "a number of Englishwomen have undertaken to form a Women's Committee to co-operate with the Emancipation Society, already existing, by all means in their power; and especially by the circulation of tracts, &c., explanatory of Slavery as it now exists in the United States, and of its bearing on the present struggle between the North and South".

May Gunn was requested to reply to the letter.

May Gunn gave some interesting accounts of what one of our young members is doing in Beaufort for the colored people there. Adjourned to meet in 9th mo next

At a stated meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held Jan 10th 1863.

The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

Sarah Pugh reported that the committee
appointed to obtain a more suitable place
to hold our stated meetings, had a room
in prospect.

Quentin Matt spoke of the events of the
past few months as encouraging to the
Anti-Slavery Cause: President Lincoln's letter
and the constant allusions made to the slave
as cheering signs of the times. The New York
riots were also spoken of.

Sarah Pugh also spoke of the great change
in public opinion with regard to colored people.

It was moved and adopted that the
settees belonging to this Society be loaned to
Camp William Penn for the soldiers use.

The circular of the Women's National
League was read and also the Pledge
and the Petition.

It was moved and adopted that a Com.
be appointed to obtain Petitions.

Ably Kimber

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Sallie Child and Ellen Child were appointed.
It was also resolved that five dollars be appro-
priated to aid in the circulation of this Petition.
On motion adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-
Slavery held 10th 8th 1863

The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
amended and adopted.

The Committee appointed to procure a more
suitable room in which to hold our stated
meetings, report having obtained permission from
the Managers of the Temper Home to hold
our meetings at this place. (The parlor of the
Temper Home)

It was moved and adopted that we pay
the sum of one dollar per month for the
use of the rooms.

Ably Kimber reported having written to New York
and received one hundred Petitions of the
Women's National League. They are now at
the Anti-Slavery Office ready for distribution.
A letter was read from Susan B. Anthony.

asking if this Society would employ agents to obtain signatures to this Petition.

Sarah Pugh and Abby Kimber were appointed a Committee ^{to procure} a suitable person who will obtain signatures.

On motion adjourned

Nov. 12th 1863. A Stated Meeting of the Phil^a. Fem. Anti-Slavery Soc^y. held Nov. 12th 1863:

The President in the chair.

The Sec^y. being absent, Mary Grew was appointed Sec^y pro tem.

On behalf of the Com. appointed to procure a suitable person or persons to circulate for signature the Petitions of the Women's National League, Abby Kimber reported that three persons, Margaretta Forten, Louisa Ketter, & Sarah M. Purvis, had undertaken that work.

Sarah Pugh reported that several copies of these petitions had been distributed in the country. The Cor. Sec. read a correspondence between Mrs. Mentia Taylor of London, Eng., Mrs. Mott, & herself, relative to the work of a Committee of English Women, organized for the purpose of enlightening the English public on the true relations of Am. Slavery

and the Southern rebellion. A request was made that the members of this Soc^y. will furnish the Cor. Sec. with any facts or testimony relative to the subject, which may aid this Com. of English Women in their important efforts.

The Cor. Sec. read part of a letter addressed to herself, by Matilda Thompson Saxton, giving a very interesting account of some incidents connected with the battle ~~in the~~ on Morris Island.

Margaret J. Burleigh gave a very interesting and touching account of the generous gifts of the Freedmen of Port Royal, to the suffering soldiers, as narrated to her by Reuben Tomlinson. She also repeated Mr. Tomlinson's testimony to the heroism of the soldiers in that Department. Mrs. Mott paid a just tribute to the higher heroism which had, unflinchingly, carried on, during thirty years, a moral war against the giant system of American Slavery; and, while admitting freely the bravery and high-mindedness of those who are fighting with carnal weapons for the overthrow of this wrong, vindicated the loftier position of those who fought only with spiritual weapons, and who endured with unflinching injury.

The approaching celebration of the completion of the third Decade of the Am. Anti-Slavery Soc^y.

was announced; and the bright prospect of the speedy consummation of our enterprise was presented by one or two members; after which the Meeting
Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 12 mo 10th 1863.

The President in the chair
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted.

Abby Kimber read some extracts from President Lincoln's late message.

Louisa Ketter one of the Committee appointed at our last meeting to obtain signatures to the Petition of the Women's National Loyal League reports, having forwarded to New York a Petition containing one thousand names.

Lucretia Mott and others spoke of the third Decade Meeting having been full of interest to us all, also of the loss from the Anti-Slavery Office of L. Miller McKim.

On motion

Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society - held 14 mo 14th 1863.

The President in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following Committee to nominate officers to serve this Society for the ensuing year, was appointed viz Sydney Ann Lewis Rosanna Thompson Sallie Child & Mary Green.

On motion of Lucretia Mott it was resolved that the books belonging to this Society now at the Anti-Slavery Office, be distributed to the different colored Camps and Schools for colored children.

Lucretia Mott Sarah Pugh and Rosanna Thompson were appointed a Committee to take charge of the distribution.

Sarah Pugh and Abby Kimber were appointed a Committee to procure a Hall for our Annual Meeting.

On motion

Adjourned

At the Annual Meetg of the Philad^a Female Anti-Slavery Society held 2nd mo. 11th. 1864.
The President in the chair.

The Secy being absent Annie Shoemaker was appointed Secy pro tem.

The minutes of last meetg were read and adopted.

On behalf of the com^{ee} appointed to take charge of the distribution of the books belonging to this society Sarah Fugh reported that a number had been sent to Camp Wm. Penn but some that were not suitable for the camps or colored schools still remain.

The following report was presented by the Treasurers and accepted.

Philad^a Female Anti-Slavery Socy in acct with
Annie Shoemaker Treasurer

1863

	Dr.
To Subscription to N. A. S. Standard 50 copies	\$125.00
" " Liberator 10 copies	30.00
" Advertising	4.38
" Rent of Hall for Annual Meetg	5.00
" Postage	1.52
" Printing Annual Report	29.50
" Women's Loyal League Assn	5.00

To Rent of room for Stated Meetg \$4.00
2nd mo/64 Balance in Treasury 47.91
\$252.31

1863

By Balance in Treasury Cr. \$160.21
" Members' Subscriptions 69.00
" Donations @ An. Meetg 6.00
" Sale of goods from Fair of '61 17.10
\$252.31.

Lydia Gillingham

Auditor.

2. The fol. persons were appointed to serve this society as officers for the ensuing year.

President	Sarah Fugh.
Vice President	Lidney Ann Lewis.
Rec. Sec.	Gulielma M. Jones.
Cor. Sec.	Mary Grew.
Treasurers.	Annie Shoemaker.
Auditor	Lydia Gillingham.

Board of Managers.

Lucretia Mott.	Hannah L. Dickinson.
Anna M. Hopper.	Sarah H. Pierce.
Rebecca Heart.	Rosanna Thompson.

1. The Corresponding Secy read the Annual Report.
J. M. Mc Kim compared the present hopeful tone of
the report with those of past years; heretofore they had
been gloomy papers telling of mobs and persecutions.
The history of our cause for the past year if recorded
faithfully would be too voluminous for any report.

Although the Fugitive Slave law is not yet repealed
the progress in regard to it is shown by the constant
allusions in our papers - The large sums of money
which have been raised for the elevation and education
of the Freedmen show the interest of the people in that
hitherto despised race. He alluded to his recent
visit to the South-west for the purpose of looking
into the condition of the Freedmen there; their suffer-
ings are not to be ascribed to the indifference of the
Whites but to the state of revolution through which
society is passing.

Lucretia Mott on behalf of the society expressed her
gratitude for the valuable report, spoke of the labors
of Anna E. Dickinson in the cause of freedom.

She said that liberty can only be secured by our
earnest faithfulness, warning us not to rejoice too
soon in the danger of fatal compromises has
past - It is the moral sentiment which has
wrought the great change in public opinion.

E. M. Davis spoke of order no. 46 of Gen. Butler,
and of the sweeping conscription of colored men
in some parts of Kentucky and Tennessee.

The report was then adopted and Mary
Grew & Sarah Pugh were appointed a com.
upon its publication.

The subject of subscribing for the papers
usually taken by the society was referred
to the next meeting.

On motion Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti Slave Society, held 3 mo 10th 1864.

The President in the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and adopted.

Sarah Pugh reported that the Annual
Report had been printed and is now
ready for distribution.

On motion it was resolved that Sarah
Pugh and Anna M. Hooper are appoint-
a Committee to distribute the Annual
Report, and also to take charge of the

papers subscribed for, by this Society
It was on motion resolved that we
continue our subscription for 50 copies
of the National Anti Slaves Standard and
10 copies of the Liberator.

On motion

adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Phila Female
Anti Slaves Society held 4mo 4th 1864.

The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and adopted.

Sarato Pugh on behalf of the Committee
on the distribution of the Annual Report and
the newspapers subscribed for by this Society,
reported that the Annual Report had been
distributed some copies having been sent
to England and elsewhere, but that the
list for the papers had not yet been completed.

Numerous complaints having been
made with regard to subscribers not
regularly receiving the Standard and
as it is supposed that the difficulty

originals in the New York Office it was proposed
that Mary Ann be requested to investigate
the matter.

It was also proposed that a copy of the
Annual Report be sent to each Member
of Congress.

Suentea Matt reported having collected
ten dollars in aid of this Society.

Sarato Pugh read an interesting
letter from Mary Sturck of London
enclosing £20 to be appropriated to our cause,
also a letter from Maria W. Chapman

At a stated meeting of the Philada. Female
Anti Slavery Society held 5th mo. 12th. 1864.

The President in the Chair

The Secretary being absent Anne M. Hopper
was chosen secretary for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
approved.

Mary Green being absent no report was made respect-
ing the Standard.

The An. Rep. had been sent to the members of Congress
as proposed at the last meeting.

Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 6mo 9th 1864.

The President being absent Sidney Ann
Lewis took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

Mary Ann Bunleigh said that Mary
Grew had seen the agent of the Anti-Slavery
Standard in New York but that she had
nothing satisfactory to report.

Lucretia Matt gave an interesting
account of the recent Annual Meeting of
the American Society, and said there
was yet no prospect of our being released
from our labors in the cause of freedom.
She also spoke of the prejudice still
existing against colored people.

Sydney Ann Lewis said there was no
safety for the nation as long as the Constitution
remains as it is.

Anna Shoemaker reported that there
were sixty dollars in the Treasury.

It was on motion resolved that
fifty dollars be appropriated to the State
Society.

Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila.
Female Anti-Slavery Society held
9mo 8th 1864

The President and Vice President both
being absent Lucretia Matt was appointed
President of this meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and adopted.

There being no business before the meeting
remarks were made by several members
upon the wicked prejudice which excludes
colored persons from riding in our city
passenger cars, and it was earnestly hoped
that this great injustice to our colored
citizens would not meet longer continuance.

This meeting being small in
consequence of many of our members not
having returned to the city, it was hoped
that our next meeting would be larger.

Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held on 13th 1864

President in the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

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Lucretia Mott thought that this Society ought to do something to awaken the public interest, against this most unjust and cruel treatment of our colored people, and it was on motion resolved that a Protest and an Appeal be sent to the ^{President} ~~Board~~ of ^{Directors} ~~the~~ ^{Company} of the ^{each} ~~Passenger~~ Rail Road, asking that colored persons be allowed to ride in their cars.

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On motion
Adjourned

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At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society, held 11th Nov. 1864.

The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read amended and adopted.

Many Green presented the following
Appeal, which was ordered to be signed
and sent to the President and Directors of
each Passenger Rail Road Company
"Gentlemen

The Phila. Female Anti Slavery
Society respectfully request that you will
rescind the rule which forbids our colored
citizens from availing themselves of the convenience
of using your rail way cars; and that you
will direct the drivers and conductors on
your line to admit and accommodate
passengers irrespective of color.

We urge you to do this; 1st Because we
believe that, as common carriers, Railway
Companies are legally bound to carry all
peaceably behaved persons, having no infectious
disease, who tender the payment of the
usual fare, until their cars are
filled.

2^d: Because of the moral obligation which
rests upon all men to refrain from the
infliction of suffering upon their fellow-men
on account of circumstances or condition
over which the latter have no control.

You are aware that we have a large
and respectable class of colored people in
our city, who own property, pay taxes,
furnish soldiers and seamen for the
army and navy, support churches and
schools, charitable and literary institutions,
and perform the general duties of citizens.
Scarcely a week passes without witnessing the
insult offered to this class of our fellow-citizens
by the ejection of one of them from one of
our city railway cars, or by the prohibitory
mandate of a driver or conductor addressed
to one about to enter it. Scarcely a week
passes without witnessing the feelings of just and humane persons
are frequently enacted in these cars, the
narration of which in our daily papers tells
a sad story for the Christianity or the justice
of Philadelphians.

During the last summer the pastor of one
of our churches, carrying his sick and almost

dying child in his arms from a steambout,
in haste to reach his home, attempted to
enter a car, in which then happened to
be not a passenger, and the Conductor
refused him admission. Delicate women
with young children in their arms, invalids,
unable to take a long walk, persons enfeebled
by age, and refused entrance, or compelled
to stand upon the front platform, a part
of the car regarded generally, and by
yourselves as an unsafe place. Inoffensive
men and women have been insolently
ordered to leave a car, and have been
thrust out by the Conductors, sometimes
with violence; though in the same cars
persons whose condition and conduct render
them offensive to all decent passengers, sit
unmolested.

In the name of our common humanity
we protest against these things.

We do not hold you, Gentlemen, alone
responsible for this denial to our colored
citizens of their right. We are aware
that as your conductors, when appealed to,
adduce your orders in their own justification,

So may you adduce that popular prejudice
against the negro, in deference to which these
orders were given. We will not detain you
with arguments respecting the moral character
of that prejudice, or the duty of individuals
or corporations to resist - rather than cater to it.
But we earnestly entreat you to consider
the facts that the public sentiment of Boston,
New York, Baltimore, Washington, and
Alexandria, permits white and colored persons
to ride together in street cars; that the
prejudice against the negro has been
greatly diminished since the commencement
of the rebellion, and during the progress of
the war in which the colored troops have
fought so bravely and died so heroically
to save the life of the Nation; and we ask
you to try the experiment and see if
Philadelphia has not made as much progress
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be held at West Chester to-morrow.
Mary Green offered the following resolutions
which were unanimously adopted and

ordered to be published in the Standard.
"Whereas, On the first day of November,
1864 Slavery ceased to exist in the State of
Maryland, by the vote of the people of
that State; Therefore

Resolved, that this Society greets the
event with devout gratitude to God, and
unutterable joy for the Nation; and that we
congratulate our Sister State upon the
honorable pre-eminence which she will
ever hold among the United States of our
Southern Country, by virtue of the fact
that she has been the first to give, by her
own voluntary act, freedom to her Slaves;
the first to remove the stain which has
so long disgraced her escutcheon.

Resolved, that in this glorious moral
Revolution in Maryland, we reap rich
sheaves of the harvest from our labors;
and wait with stronger faith and
calmer patience, for the full ingathering.
A motion

Adjourned

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At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 12th Nov 1864.

The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

Rebecca Justice reported that the Appeal
prepared by Mary Ince, to be sent to the different
Passenger Rail Way Companies, had been copied,
and is now ready for distribution.

Rebecca Matt, from Chicago, made a few
remarks about colored people's being allowed
to ride in the Cars of that City, and how it
was brought about.

It was a motion resolved that this Society
send a Memorial to Congress, asking that the
Constitution of the United States be amended
to abolish Slavery forever throughout the
States and Territories.

Mary Ince and Sarah Pugh were appointed
a committee to prepare this Memorial.

Sarah Pugh alluded to the sudden death of
Elizabeth Mubold, and expressed sympathy with
her sisters in their bereavement.

Lucretia Matt spoke of the death of Thomas
Whitson and gave a very interesting account

of his funeral which she had attended. She also spoke of his life long interest in our cause and of many pleasant little incidents in his life.

An motion

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery ^{Society} held 1st mo 12th 1865.

President in the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The subject of colored persons not being allowed to ride in our city passenger cars was then taken up. It was reported that the Darby Cars now permit colored people to ride and also some of the cars on the Ridge Avenue line. A communication, addressed to the President of this Society, from the Green & Coates St Passenger Railway Co, was received, saying they had the subject under consideration. It was also announced that a Public Meeting is to be held to morrow evening at Concert Hall on the subject

Resolved

It was an motion ~~adopted~~ that the Appeal which has been ^{sent} to the different Railway Companies be offered to the Press and Inquirer for publication. The former Committee to take charge.

Sarah Pugh announced the glorious news that Wasson is free! and read the following despatch from St Louis.

"The State Convention has just passed the following ordinance by a vote of 60 to 4. Be it ordained by the people of the State of Missouri in Convention assembled that hereafter, in this state there shall be neither Slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment for crime whereof the party shall be duly convicted, and all persons held to service of labor as slaves are hereby declared free."

The following Resolution was offered by Mrs. Gunn.

Resolved that we unite in the glad congratulations which Pennsylvania sends to free Missouri; and that we hail her newly-achieved Emancipation as another event in the grand series of the triumphs

of Freedom, which, during the last few years, has glorified our Country's annals, and overwhelmed our souls with inexpressible wonder and gratitude.

This resolution was on motion adopted and ordered to be sent to the Anti-Slavery Standard for publication.

The following Memorial was prepared and read and was on motion adopted.

To the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

The Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society respectfully requests your Honorable body to take measures for such an amendment of the Constitution of the United States as shall forever prohibit the existence of Slavery within their jurisdiction; and do also earnestly petition that you will require as a condition of the return of the revolted States to the Union, the adoption of a Republican form of government in so far as this: that there shall be no distinction in the conditions of citizenship or the rights of citizens, based on the existence

or non-existence of African blood.

We ask for such an amendment and for such legislation, because we firmly believe that justice to the Slaves, and the permanent safety of the Nation require them; and that only by such a condition of the Union of the States can the rights of the colored men of the South be efficiently protected after they shall have passed from the immediate jurisdiction of the Military power of the United States, into that of the new State governments.

The following Com. was appointed to procure a room for our Annual Meeting viz Sarah Pugh and Anna Hooper,

For Nominal Officers to serve this Society for the ensuing year the following Com. was appointed viz Sydney Ann Lewis, Sarah Henderson & Clementine Johns.

The Treasurer announced that more money will be needed for the current expenses of the Society.

Sydney Gillingham was appointed to audit the Treasurer's account.

The death of Sarah Jackson ^{most aged} the oldest member of this Society was announced. Her early interest and devotion to our cause were spoken of.

On motion adjourned.

At the Annual Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 2mo 9th 1865

The President in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Many Grew reported that the Memorial to Congress had been sent.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and is as follows;

Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society in account with Annie Shotmaker, Treasurer,	\$
2mo 1864 To Rent of room for Annual Meeting	5.00
" " Advertising	1.90
" " Subscription to N. A. S. Standard	
50 Copies	125.00
" " Subscription to Liberator	
10 Copies	30.00

1864	Amount over	161.90
4mo	To Printing Annual Report	38.81
"	" Postage	2.40
"	" Donation to P. S. Society	30.00
"	" Rent of room for Stated Meetings	9.00
2mo 1865	By Balance in Treasury	73.39
		<u>\$335.50</u>

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2mo	By Balance in Treasury	\$47.91
"	" Members' Subscriptions	63.50
"	" Sale of Articles from Fair	1.50
3mo	" Donations from various persons	17.10
"	" Donation from Miss Sturch of London £20	167.09
10mo	" Sale of Articles from S. S. Office	8.50
2mo 1865	" Dividend on 20 shares of Stock of P. H. all Association	30.00
		<u>\$335.50</u>

Lytell Gillingham Auditor
The Corresponding Secretary read the Annual Report.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed. The number of copies to be left to the discretion of the Committee.

The following persons were appointed a Com.

to take charge of the printing and distributing
of the Annual Report by Mary Ann
Sawto Pugh and Margaret Burleigh.
It was on motion resolved that this
Society subscribe for 50 copies of the
National Anti-Slavery Standard and
for 10 copies of the Liberator.

The following named persons joined
the Society. Isabel M. Jones, Rachel W. Moore
Sarah T. Rogers, Hannah S. Middleton,
Phoebe Hazlett, Achsah Petit

Hannah Gillingham, Marcie K. Williamson,
Charlotte L. Pierce, Adeline Thompson,
Susanna Kayhurst, Ann W. Langstrath,
Mary T. Justice, Emily P. Wainnes,
Georgina Clark, Mary Hillborn,
Caroline Lukens, Lydia DuBouchet and
Cynthia S. Green. Hannah P. Wildman

On motion
adjourned.

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At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 3ms 9th 1855.

President in the chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and adopted.

Lydia Newbold joined the Society.
Mary Ann reported that 75 copies of the
Annual Report had been printed.

An interesting letter from Rebecca
Tomlinson to one of our members was
read.

The Treasurer reported that more money
will be needed in the treasury.

It was announced that the Annual Meeting
of the American Anti-Slavery Society will
be held after our next stated meeting and
it was proposed that we send some report
from this Society.

After some remarks from Lucretia Mott
on the subject of Banks' Policy the meeting
adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phil^{ia} Female Anti-Slavery Society held April 13th 1865:

The President in the Chair:

The Secretary being absent, Mary Grew was appointed Sec^y pro tem.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted.

The proposal, announced in the last Standard, to dissolve the Am. A. S. Soc^y at its Annual Meeting in May next, was considered and discussed.

Mary Grew presented the following Resolutions; which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the grand and marvellous events which are thrilling the hearts of this Nation we see the hand of God leading the American slaves, step by step, from their long and cruel bondage up to Freedom and victory over their oppressors; that we see, also, the beginning of a new and glorious era, in which the principles of Liberty, Justice, and Democracy, so long and loudly professed, shall be nobly illustrated in our National life; and that we devoutly thank Him in whose name and whose strength we have labored, that the Anti-Slavery Enterprise has cul-

minated in glorious success; and that the hour when we may, in triumphant joy and profound gratitude, disband this Association is, evidently, very near at hand.

Resolved, That, while we await only the announcement that American Slavery is abolished by the Constitutional law of the land; we re-assert our conviction that justice to the emancipated slave, and the safety of the Nation, require that the States which have rebelled against the Government, in the interests of Slavery, shall be permitted to return only upon the condition that under their State Constitutions citizenship shall be conferred on black and white men equally.

On motion of Lucretia Mott seconded by Hannah T. Hickney, it was directed that the foregoing Resolutions shall be presented to the Am. A. S. Soc^y at its next Annual Meeting.

Sarah Pugh and Mary Grew were appointed a Committee to present them.

Anna M. Hopper announced the death of Samuel Aaron, a well-known and faithful friend of the Anti-Slavery cause, in Pennsylvania.

Sarah Pugh read an interesting letter from Miss Mary Estlin of England, expressing her warm con-

gratulations on the triumph of the cause of Liberty in our land. Also extracts from a letter from Miss Harriet Lupton, of Scotland.

The condition and needs of the emancipated slaves were discussed.

The President on behalf of the Treasurer announced a deficiency in the Treasury of \$70.
Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 5mo 11th 1865 -
Vice President in the Chair
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

SLAVERY ABOLISHED IN BRAZIL.

A cable despatch to the New York Herald, dated Rio Janeiro, April 8, via London, May 4, says:

The Emperor Don Pedro the Second, of Brazil, with the advice of his ministers, signed to-day an imperial decree, by virtue of which slavery is abolished throughout the Brazilian Empire.

This most important executive order is to take effect in a period of twenty years, so that no violence will be done to what is termed the "right of property" in the slaves.

Children of every class born within the limits of the empire after this day, the 8th of April, are declared absolutely free by birth, so that it may be truly said we now inhabit a land of freedom, in which industry and labor will soon find a fair reward.

The government of Brazil has, for many years past, sympathized with the action taken by the United States Government in conjunction with some of the great powers of Europe for the suppression of the slave-trade on the coast of Africa, and a few years only have elapsed since the Emperor signed a decree prohibiting the importation of slaves into his dominions.

The issue of the present decree completes the work of emancipation in Brazil.

MEXICO.

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At a stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti Slavery Society held on 8th 1865

The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

Some account of the late meetings of
the American Anti Slavery Society was
given by our President. Mary Green also
made some remarks on the same subject.

Quentin Mott spoke of the New
England A. S. Convention which she
had just attended.

The President mentioned that this
Society is in debt to the Treasurer about
eighty dollars which it was hoped could
be raised during the month by contribution.

Quentin Mott reported that some of
our friends held the erroneous opinion
that we are not doing any thing now when
we are so alive to Anti Slavery work is
the passing events of the times. She said
we had our Annual Report and we
continue our subscriptions to the Liberator
and Standard and that we are ever
true as ever to the interests of the cause.
adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society, held Sept. 14th 1865;

The President in the chair: The Sec^y being absent, Mary Grew was appointed Sec^y pro tem.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted.

The President announced, on behalf of the Treasurer, who was absent, that the debts of the Society were discharged, and that there is a small balance remaining in the Treasury.

Sidney Ann Lewis spoke of the continued ^{outrages} upon the rights of our colored citizens, practised by the ~~Old~~ Rail-road Companies of this city; and suggested that this Society should again protest against this injustice.

Mary Grew read a Letter from "Occasional" of The Press of this city, relative to the present condition and prospects of the colored people of the South; which indicated, on the part of the writer and those whom he represents, a purpose to guard the newly-given acquired liberties of the freedmen by other securities, while withhold-

ing that chief security of a freeman's rights, the suffrage.

Mary Grew commented upon the Letter, regarding it as a dark sign of the times, and remarked that it is the especial work and duty of the abolitionists, and of Anti-Slavery Societies, to expose the fallacy of such political theories; and to demand, constantly, the suffrage for the emancipated slave, as the only security for any real liberty for him.

The Corresponding Sec^y was authorized to prepare and publish, in some of the daily papers of this city, a remonstrance and brief argument upon the subject, and an expression of the sentiments of "radical abolitionists", relative to "reconstruction", which sentiments seem to have been greatly misunderstood or misinterpreted by the Editor of The Press.

The President announced that the Annual Meeting of the Penn^a. A.-S. Soc^y would be held on the 27th of October next.

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila.
Female Anti-Slavery Society held
Nov 11th 1865.

President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting
were read and adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary reported
having prepared an article for the
Press but that it had not yet appeared
in that paper. She stated that we had been
advised to publish in the Ledger as its
readers are those whom it is especially
important that we should influence.

After some discussion on the present
condition of the Country Lucretia Matt
announced the coming Annual Meeting
of the Pa Anti-Slavery Society in West Chester.

May Grew read the article which
she had prepared for the Press.

The Treasurer announced that there
was \$12 in the Treasury.

It was on motion resolved that
five dollars be appropriated to pub-
lishing articles in the daily papers.

Sarah Pugh was added to the Com.
ad formed.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held Nov 9th 1865.

President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

Lucretia Matt and others gave a
very interesting account of the Annual
Meeting of the Pa Anti-Slavery Society
at West Chester.

May Grew produced and read a plan
which is intended to place the Anti-Slavery
Standard on a permanent basis.

Encouraging signs of the times in the
results of the recent Elections in New York
and New Jersey were noted.

Lucretia Matt mentioned that Emancipation
in Cuba had been proposed and
was received with favor.

May Grew said we should bear
in mind the subject of colored persons
not being allowed to ride in our
Street Cars.

It was urged upon this Society the
importance of keeping up the circulation
of the Standard, especially now while we

land no Fair nor popular Lectures;
It was announced that there is to be
a Peace Convention held in Boston
the middle of next month -

After interesting remarks by several
members the Society adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 12 mo 14th 1865:

The President in the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

There being no business before the
Society the "Call of the Subscription Festival
to be held in Boston next month" was
read; also a letter from Wendell Phillips.

After a few remarks on what Congress
is doing the Society adjourned.

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At a Stated Meeting of the Phila.
Female Anti-Slavery Society
held 1 mo 11th 1866.

President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and adopted.

Many Green reported that in pursuance
of the directions of the Society, she had
applied to the Editor of the Public Ledger,
for the gratuitous publication in his
paper of an article advocating negro
suffrage; and this application being refused,
she had purchased the insertion of a short
article therein.

On motion it was resolved, that this
Society petition Congress for an Amendment
of the Constitution of the United States which
shall prohibit the States from making any
distinction in civil rights and privileges,
among naturalized citizens or persons born
on its soil, on account of race, color
or descent.

The Cor. Sec. was directed to prepare
such a petition for signature, and to
forward it to Congress.

Mary Grew offered the following Resolutions which elicited an animated discussion; after which they were adopted, with a few dissenting votes.

Whereas the Amended Constitution of the United States forever prohibits the existence of Slavery in this Nation, therefore,
Resolved, that we record with grateful praise this triumph of our Cause; and rejoice with joy unspeakable that the mission for which we have been so long associated, is thus far accomplished.

Resolved, that we will henceforward devote ourselves to the completion of our work, by earnest efforts - to obtain for the enfranchised Slaves, the suffrage of freemen; thereby securing to them the liberty which is now declared to be their legal right.

On motion it was resolved that these Resolutions be sent to the National Anti-Slavery Standard for publication.

The following persons were appointed a Com. for the nomination of Officers of this Society. Sydney Ann Lewis, Eliza Child & Ann M. Keight.

On motion it was resolved that when we adjourn, we shall adjourn to meet on Fifth day the 25th inst. to consider and discuss the duties which the present condition of our Cause demands of us; and the manner in which we may best perform those duties; and whether our responsibilities to the legally emancipated Slaves can best be discharged by dissolving this Society; by changing its name, or by continuing in our present organization.

On motion

adjourned.

At a Special Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held Nov 25th 1866.

President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mary Grew reported having forwarded the Resolutions passed at our last meeting, to the Anti-Slavery Standard for publication.

The President announced that the subject of the expediency of dissolving or changing the name of this Society, was opened for discussion.

Margaret J. Burleigh commenced the discussion by remarking that there is no longer any need for the existence of separate Anti Slavery Societies, inasmuch as the Abolitionists have established and long maintained a platform broad enough for men and women to stand upon & work together. The necessity of separate organizations and action, she designated as a relic of barbarism which we have outgrown. She thought that the reason for disbanding this Society - even not applicable to the American & Pennsylvania Societies; that there is a great deal of work for abolitionists to do; but that we might do it in connection with these Societies. She advocated a change of name for A. S. Societies generally, on the ground that the Constitution of the United States declares that Slavery is abolished.

Lucretia Matt opposed the disbanding the Society, and also the change of its name. She said that this Association had performed an important work. It was a constituent

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part of the State and National Societies, both of which had decided that the time had not come to disband their organizations. The present condition of the Country, and the earnest exhortations of Anti Slavery members of Congress who assure us that they need our help, urge us to persevere. She believed that we were doing great good by standing on our watch tower & faithfully sounding an alarm whenever we detect danger to the freedman's cause; that our influence is felt at Washington through our Petitions, Resolutions, Reports & indirectly, through our support of the Standard. She said the Freedmen's Aid Societies could not take our place; they have other & important work to do. The Pa. Soc. met but seldom; and frequent meetings increased the importance of our organization. She hoped that by the next Annual Meeting of the National Society - the condition of our cause might justify the joyful ending of all the A. S. Societies; but to dissolve now would be to desert the Slave's cause, as human beings are still virtually held as Slaves in defiance of law.

Robert Purvis who was present being invited to speak, said he was jealous of the disbandment

of the Society in this crisis. He paid a high tribute to our service in the cause of the slave.

He regarded us as a great humanitarian Society, whose purpose was to secure the rights of manhood for the slave. Such abolition as has been accomplished does not complete our work; abolitionists contemplated equality before the law. The nation is not converted. The colored man's danger is greater than ever. Without the ballot he will be in danger of extermination. He needs the guardianship of those who for so many years have watched over his interests. This work could be intrusted only to the abolitionists.

Ellen Child proposed that the organization should be continued with a change of name suited to the changed conditions of the cause.

Discussion arose respecting the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and the principles promulgated by its leading members, in which Robert Parver, Abbie Kimball & Lucretia Mott participated.

Seneca Pugh read from the Liberator a portion of Saml May's farewell letter, as a full expression of his own sentiment.

The proposal was that the time had arrived for the dissolution of A. S. Societies.

Anna M. Hooper moved that the question of dissolution be postponed for the present, which was adopted.

Our motion adjourned.

At the Annual Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 2 Nov 8th 1856.

The President in the chair.

After reading by the President, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Many were reported having forwarded Petition to Congress which had been presented by Charles Sumner.

Lucretia Mott thought that Petitions had been the cause of Sumner's great Speech.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which was our motion adopted.

Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society in account with Annie Shoemaker Treasurer.

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1865- To Rent of Room for Annual Meeting	\$ 5.00
" Printers Annual Report	52.10
" Subscription to Liberator 10 Copies	35.00
" " " " N. A. S. Standard 50 "	150.00
" Rent of Room for Stated Meetings	9.00
" " " " " Special do	1.00
" Advertising in Ledger	5.00
1866 " Balance in Treasury	9.09
	<u>\$266.19</u>

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1865- By Balance in Treasury	\$73.39
" Members Subscriptions	124.80
" Donations	68.00
	<u>\$266.19</u>

Lydia Gillingham Auditor

The Annual Report was then read by the Corresponding Secretary Robert Purvis and Edward M. Davis expressed their Satisfaction with the Report. On motion of Lucretia Mott the Cor. Sec. was requested to add to her Report a commendation of the N. A. S. Standard. E. M. Davis said he had received a letter from New York informing that

a larger edition of the Standard was now published and that there were sixty six new subscribers added to the list.

Maryann Grocom expressed Satisfaction with the Report but regretted there was not more mention made in it of our lamented President

Maryann J. Burleigh moved and it was adopted that some more full allusion be made in the Report to the President.

The Report was then adopted and ordered to be published as usual.

The Committee on Publication is as follows: Mary Ann, Maryann J. Burleigh & M. Keopie.

The Nominating Com. reported the names of the following persons for officers of this Society - during the coming year, who were accordingly elected.

Sarah ^{Purvis} President & Sarah Pugh declined a reelection to the Office of President which she has filled so acceptably during many years. She was earnestly requested to change her decision, not consenting to do so the Society

unanimously elected Lucretia Mott to
the office.

The following are the officers
President Lucretia Mott
Vice President Sydney Ann Lewis
Rec. Sec. Juliana M. Jones
Cor. Sec. Mary Grew
Treasurer Annie Shoemaker
Auditor Lydia Gillingham

Board of Managers
Lucretia Mott Hannah L. Stickney
Anna M. Hopfue Sarah H. Pierce
Phebe Hart Potanna Thompson

Robert Purvis spoke of this being the
darkest period in our government. He
said Anti-Slavery work is not yet
done for the Sins of slaves is ripe
in the land. The people are not yet
converted or reformed and the affairs
of the Nation look dark and discouraging.

Hattie Purvis joined the Society
An motion

adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 3rd 8th 1866
Lucretia Mott in the chair.

The Secretary being absent Margaret
J. Burleigh was appointed Sec. pro. tem.
Lucretia Mott on taking the chair
made a few remarks expressing the high
appreciation of the services of the former
President of this Society.

Mary Grew offered and moved the
adoption of the following Resolution, which
was unanimously adopted.

"Whereas our honored and beloved fellow-
laborer Sarah Pugh, has declined a re-election
to the office of President of this Society; therefore,

Resolved, that we hereby record our
high appreciation of her faithful service
in this office during eighteen years; and
our regret that she now feels it incumbent
upon her to resign a post which she
has so satisfactorily filled throughout so
many vicissitudes of our Anti-Slavery Enterprise.

The Committee on printing the Annual
Report, reported that it would be ready
for distribution, and could be obtained

at the Anti-Slavery Office in the course of ten days or a fortnight.

Sarah Pugh was appointed a Committee to attend to the distribution of the copies.

The following Resolution was adopted without dissent

Resolved, that the recent course of Andrew Johnson, President of the U.S., in vetoing the Bill for the enlargement of the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau; and his open antagonism to the majority of both Houses of Congress, excites our indignation and alarm, confirms our belief that the spirit of Slavery is in active operation in the land, and warns abolitionists to be vigilant and faithful at their posts, prepared to meet the demands of the hour.

On motion it was ordered that this Resolution should be sent to the National A.S. Standard for publication.

On motion it was resolved that we renew our subscription for fifty copies of the National A.S. Standard.

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Huldah Justice and Mary Grew were appointed a Com. to revise the list of persons to whom these papers have been sent; and to superintend the preparation of a new list.

Mrs Thompson having recently returned from a visit to Charleston S.C. gave an interesting account of the condition of the freedmen there; and of the oppression to which they are subject from their former masters.

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the ^{Philad} Female Anti-Slavery Society held 4th mo 12th 1856.

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mary Grew reported that there had been 750 copies of the Annual Report printed and that it is now ready for distribution.

Mary Grew read a list of names to whom the Standard is sent. To which a few new names were added.

Quentin Mott spoke of the coming

Anniversary of the American Anti Slavery Society and expressed a hope that as many members of this Society, as could, would attend.

Mary Grew offered the following Resolutions, which were an motion adopted unanimously.

Resolved, that we hail the passage of the Civil Rights Bill, by more than two thirds of the Congress of the United States, after it had been vetoed by the President, as an indication of the purpose of that Body to resist successfully the assaults upon Justice and Human Liberty, made by Andrew Johnson; and we do earnestly entreat those Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, whose zeal and persistent labor accomplished the passage of this Bill, that they will, to the utmost extent of their power, secure its practical enforcement in every part of this country.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Nation are due to those Senators and Repres-

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sentatives of the Thirty Ninth Congress who are bravely battling for Liberty and Human Rights - against a President of the United States who has betrayed the Party who elected him, a People who trusted him in the hour of their benurement and peril, who has broken his solemn promises of protection to the oppressed millions of our land, and joined himself to their oppressors.

It was an motion adopted, that these Resolutions be sent to the Standard for publication.

The Treasurer announced that there were but twenty dollars in the Treasury. The necessity of raising some more money was urged upon the Society.

Lucretia Matt spoke of the great advantage of and having continued the Society - and hoped an effort would be made to raise funds.

It was suggested that each member add one dollar to her subscription.

Lucretia Matt and Mary Grew each spoke of the present aspect of National

affairs. Many Gen said the life and
existence of the Government depended upon
Congress and that the President feared
the voice of the people.

There were several letters of interest
read by the President. It was also
mentioned that Sarah Pugh and
Abbie Kimber are at present travelling
in the South: that letters had been received
from them giving a description of the
colored people's celebration at Richmond
which had passed off quietly. They
also spoke of the forsaken and desolate
appearance of the country through
which they had passed on their
way to Charleston.

On motion

adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held 31st Oct 1866.
The Vice President in the Chair.
The minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

An interesting letter from Mary Gove
was received and read, giving us some
account of the Anniversary Meeting of the
American Society now being held in
New York.

Ellen Child also read some extracts
from a letter she had received from Cornelia
Fenwick giving an interesting account
of her school for colored children at
Mount Pleasant, and other items of interest
in her letter among the brethren.

On motion

adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery Society held on 14th 1866.
President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

An interesting account of the
late Anniversaries of the American
Society - was given to this meeting.

It was proposed to this Society
to hold a course of lectures for
the purpose of raising funds and
it was an motion adopted that
a committee of arrangement be
appointed to take charge of getting
up these lectures.

Mary Green & Lucretia Mott
were appointed.

The late changes made in the
Anti-Slavery Standard were com-
mented upon. It was mentioned
that the receipt of the Standard during
the past year exceeded those of the
previous year by \$800.00, and that
the donations and subscriptions were
also larger, greater by 1000.

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The Treasurer announced that there are
\$48.00 now in the Treasury, and that we
owe for the Standard \$150.00

Lucretia Mott hoped that we shall
be vigilant during the summer, alive
to the interests of the cause, watch
the rights of the Freedmen with
unabated interest.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. F. A. S.
Society held Sep. 13th. 1866.

The Vice President in the chair.
In the absence of the Secretary, Hannah L.
Stickney was appointed Secretary pro tem.

As there were no minutes of the previ-
ous meeting the time was occupied with
remarks from the members.

The recent Convention of Southern Loy-
alists was regarded as very encouraging
to abolitionists; the persistency of the men
from the Gulf States in upholding negro
suffrage in opposition to those of the Border
States should be hailed as one of the most

cheering signs of the times.

Mrs Purvis gave an interesting account of the meeting held the previous evening in National Hall. The speaker, Judge Pitkin of Louisiana, said that the nation had more to fear from the conservation of the North than anything else; even the Radicals were not ready to go so far as the Union men of the South, who knew from actual experience that negro suffrage and negro equality could alone save the nation. He was loudly applauded.

Mrs. Purvis said she felt in coming out how useless was all this applause when she could not be allowed, weary as she was, to take a seat in the cars. She expressed her feelings to the crowd around the door and was heard with respect. She thought there was very little desire on the part of Philadelphians that the colored people should ride in the cars; even the Committee who had the matter in charge had done nothing for fear of injuring the Republican party.

Other members were more hopeful and expressed their determination after the elections were over to labor with renewed

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zeal until this work should be accomplished.

A lively discussion ensued in regard to the state of the country; all were agreed in the opinion that the signs of the times were encouraging as the lines of separation were more clearly drawn between the true friends of the colored race and their opponents. The retrograde movement of Henry Ward Beecher and Dr Tynng, though a cause for deep regret was thought to be no reason for discouragement, but another proof of the necessity that abolitionists should keep up their organization and prove, as in former times, that they are ready to make any sacrifice for the colored race in the perilous days that may be yet to come.

A pamphlet entitled, The reason why Colored People do not ride in the cars, was recommended as suitable for circulation.

Adjourned.

Hannah L. Stickney

Signed for

Sec. pro tem.

At a Stated meeting of the Phila. F. A. Society held Oct. 11th 1866.

The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, M. J. Burleigh was appointed Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and adopted.

Mr. Grew reported on behalf of the Committee on lectures, the various lecturers to whom applications had ^{been} made, with the results of the application.

Mr. Grew stated that in the present perilous state of our national affairs the demand for the National A. S. Standard was increasing.

A discussion followed respecting the course of the Republican party and the degree of their faithfulness in applying the principles of justice.

This subject led to that of the exclusion of colored persons from our street cars. It was stated that bills for the prosecution of conductors removing such persons from the cars have recently been rejected by the Grand Jury; and that little, if any, apparent progress had been made towards

the abrogation of this form of injustice.

L. Mott presented a pamphlet entitled, Why Colored People of Phila. are excluded from the Street Cars, which she regarded as a fitting instrument for the diffusion of correct ideas upon the subject.

The Pres. then introduced to the Society Mrs. Elizabeth Chase of R. I. who made some statements respecting the condition of the Col'd people in her own state, and exhorted the members to a diligent prosecution of measures to bring a change in reference to the street cars.

L. Mott presented a letter ^{addressed} to herself as President from John C. Keffer of Alabama representing the superior influence upon the untaught negro population of the South, of colored women bred in the tidy and thrifty habits of the North, and urging the sending of this class of persons as teachers to Alabama.

This letter, as belonging more properly to the Freedmen's Aid Soc., was to them referred.

Adjourned.

Margaret J. Burleigh

Sec. pro tem.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phil.^a Ge.
male Anti-Slavery Soc^y, held 5th month
5th, 1866; the Vice President in the chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read & adopted.

Mary Grew announced that the Annual
Meeting of the Penn^a Anti-Slavery Soc^y
will be held at the Franklin Institute,
on the 2^d & 3^d inst.; and that Mr.
Frothingham & Mr. Powell were expected
to be present.

S. B.

A letter from Miss Anthony was read,
in which she expressed regret that
the Penn^a Meeting & the Equal Rights
Convention in Albany should occur so
near in time to each other in time,
as some persons would gladly attend
both.

Mary Grew suggested that it might
be expedient, as an economical measure,
to omit the preparation of an Annual
Report.

The subject of the exclusion of colored
persons from our street cars, was again dis-
cussed; and a narration was given of a case

of ejection from the West Chester rail-road
car, and a prosecution which resulted in a de-
cision against the R. R. Comp^y. Reference was
also made to the case pending before our State
Supreme Court, the decision of which, it is suppo-
sed, will settle this question.

Mary Grew spoke of the defeat of the Union-
ists at the recent election in Maryland; and
expressed a hope that it would result in good
to the cause of freedom & negro suffrage, by
inducing the Unionists of Maryland to adopt
a higher platform, & fight valiantly under it.

The fact of the election of two colored men to
the Massachusetts legislature, was announced,
as a cheering sign of the times.

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila.
Female Anti-Slavery Society held
12 Nov 13th 1866

President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and adopted.

The subject of omitting the Annual
Report this year, as a matter of economy
and appropriating all our funds to the
Anti-Slavery Standard, was again
discussed.

Mary Grew announced that the
State Society had appropriated through
the Executive Committee \$100.00 to this
Society.

Lucretia Mott spoke of the encouraging
assurances we had had of the prospects
of continuing this Society.

Mary Grew spoke of the late Annual
Meeting of the State Anti-Slavery Society
giving an interesting account of the
success and interest of that meeting.

It was proposed, as another
means of raising funds for the cause
to hold a Festival, which shall be

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another reunion of the Abolitionists and
friends of Freedom such as we used
to have in the times of our Anti-Slavery
Fairs, bringing city and country friends
together without the labor of a Fair.

It was on motion resolved that we
hold such a Festival on the 16th of
January and that National Hall be
procured for the purpose.

The following Committee was appointed
to take charge.

Mary Grew, Charlotte L. Peirce, Sallie
Child, Abbie Kimber, Ellen M. Leitch,
G. M. Jones, Huldah Justice, Anna Steete,
Harnet D. Jarvis, Harnet Jarvis jr, Anna
M. Keppel, Maria Davis, Sallie Kallowell,
Sarah Peirce, Mary Anna P. Mott, Mary
Leach, Keelen Cushman, Mary Lightfoot,
Eliza Loring, Lydia Cox, Elisabeth Atkinson,
Rebecca Hart, Carolina Remington,
Frances De Gaze, Rebecca Mapell,
Emma Linton, Rachel Pickering,
Mary Newbold, Emily Taylor, Lily
Lard, Margarette Burleigh and Rebecca
Hillborn.

It was moved and adopted that this
Committee meet on Tuesday next
at 2 o'clock P. M. at the Office of E.
M. Davis

Mary Grew moved that this Society
send a Petition to Congress asking for
Universal Suffrage, which motion
was adopted

Mary Grew volunteered to prepare this
Petition

On motion adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Anti-Slavery held 1mo 10th 1867.

The President in the chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and adopted.

Mary Grew from the Festival Com.
reported progress.

Charlotte Pierce requested contributions
for the refreshment table.

It having been suggested that the Annual
Report for this year should be omitted
on account of the low state of our

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funds, Margaret Burleigh said that the
Annual Report of this Society is the
only condensed history of the Anti-
Slavery Cause annually issued, and
that as a valuable historical document
she thought it ought not to be omitted.
On motion it was resolved that the
preparation of the Annual Report
may be delayed for a few weeks.

The following Committee was appointed
to nominate officers of the Society for
the ensuing year, Sydney Ann Lewis,
Ellen M. Child and Abby Kimber.

On motion adjourned.

At the Annual

Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Soc. held
Feb. 14th 1867.

The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Sec. M. J. Burleigh was
appointed secretary pro tem.

Mary Grew presented a Petition asking of
Congress such an amendment to the Constitution
as should establish Universal Suffrage.

The Soc. adopted the petition and directed that it sh^d be signed by the proper officers and forwarded.

Mary Grew on behalf of the Festival Committee presented the following report.

REPORT OF THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society to make arrangements for a Festival of the Friends of Freedom, to be held in the month of January, 1866, respectfully report:

That the evening of the 17th of January was selected for the occasion; and two hundred and fifty circulars were distributed in the City and County, requesting contributions of money and provisions; and two thousand circulars of invitation were printed for distribution. Applications were personally made some of the Caterers of this city, several of whom promptly responded by offers of liberal assistance and generous supplies. Mr. J. W. Price, Messrs. Johnson and Osborne, and Mr. William Dorsey relieved the Committee of a large share of labor in the Refreshment Department of the Festival; and many friends of the cause, in the country, and a few in the city, sent liberal contributions of provisions and money.

The Festival was held on the evening of the 17th of January, in National Hall, Market Street; and, though the weather was very inclement, so large a number of persons were in attendance that, but for the great size of the hall, the guests would have been uncomfortably crowded. The managers were gratified with the result of their efforts. The brilliantly lighted hall with its pictured ceiling, and walls hung with the well known banners which have adorned so many of our Anti-Slavery Fairs; the tastefully arranged table, with its central ornament of a pyramid of flowers, (the gift of Mr. Abraham L. Pennock, Jr., of this city,) produced a fine spectacular effect; while the instrumental music of the Delmonico Cornet Band, and the songs of Miss Elizabeth Greenfield and her pupils, and the exhibition of the Stereorama by Mr. Edward Parrish and Dr. Hunt, (to the great enjoyment of those who crowded the ante-room,) were added to the social pleasures of the evening.

Among the objects of interest which graced the occasion was the table upon which was signed the Anti-Slavery "Declaration of Sentiments," in December, 1833, in the Adelphi Building in this city, at the formation of the American Anti-Slavery Society. This valuable historical relic was introduced to the notice of the audience in a few eloquent words by George Thompson.

In an interval between conversation and music, the assembly was addressed by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, J. Miller McKim and Lucy Stone.

Letters were read from Hon. Schuyler Colfax and Hon. John W. Forney, expressing their regret for the necessity of declining our invitation to the Festival.

The abolitionists, young and old, seemed to enjoy heartily this rare opportunity of general social intercourse with so many fellow laborers; and from several absent friends of the cause letters have since been received by the Committee, expressing their great disappointment that the deep snow and violent wind-storm on that day and evening prevented their attendance on the occasion.

The pecuniary results of the enterprise are regarded by your Committee as ample compensation for the labor involved; and as sufficient encouragement for similar efforts in future.

The Receipts were	\$689 97
Expenses	291 85

Leaving a net profit of 403 62

The experience of your Committee in the management of this Festival has taught them how the expenses might be greatly reduced if a similar occasion should occur in the future.

MARY GREW, Chairman.

Resolutions of thanks to Edward Parrish who exhibited Stereoscopic views, and to ^{certain} Caterers and Musicians who had rendered important aid to the Festival were presented by Mary Grew and adopted.

Ellen M. Child moved that this Soc. make a contribution to the Equal Rights Soc. of \$20, in consideration of service rendered to the Festival by speakers attending the Equal Rights Meeting.

After discussion of the motion, it was negatived.

The Treasurer presented the following Report, which was accepted.

Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society in account with ANNIE SHOEMAKER, Treasurer.

1866.	DR.	
To Rent of room for Annual Meeting	\$ 5 00
" Printing Annual Report	45 50
" Advertising	95
" Subscription to National Anti-Slavery Standard, (50 copies)	150 00
" Rent of room for Stated Meetings	9 00
2d mo., 1867. Balance in Treasury	408 21
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1866.	DR.	
By Balance in Treasury	\$ 9 09
" Members' Subscriptions	86 00
" Donations	19 00
" Sale of Articles left from Fair	95
" Donation from Pa. A. S. Society	100 00
1st mo., 1867. Proceeds of Festival	403 62
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		\$618 66

LYDIA GILLINGHAM, Auditor.

Sidney Ann Lewis on behalf of the Nominating Com. Reported as officers of the Soc. for the following year, the same persons who had served it during the last year.

The Report was adopted and the following persons re-elected.

President	Sucretia Mott
Vice-President	Sidney Ann Lewis
Recording Sec.	Gulielma M. Jones.
Corresponding Sec.	Mary Grew
Treasurer	Annie Shoemaker
Auditor	Lydia Gillingham.

Board of Managers.

Sucretia Mott	Hannah S. Stickney
Anna M. Hopper	Sarah H. Pierce
Rebecca Hart	Rosanna Thompson.

On motion it was resolved that the Society renew its subscription for Fifty copies of the Nat. A.S. Standard.

Also resolved that we contribute from our treasury One hundred dollars to the Pa. Anti-Slavery Soc.

Mr. Grew stated that a bill had been adopted by the Senate of our State Legislature making

the exclusion of colored people from rail road cars a penal offence.

At Mr. Hopper and Ellen M. Childs were appointed a Com. for obtaining a room for our next meeting at which the Annual Report of the Soc. is to be read.

Adjourned

Mr. J. Burleigh Sec. pro tem.

At an adjourned Annual Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 3mo 14th 1867.

President in the Chair.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Annual Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and adopted by the Society.

It was moved and adopted that the Report be published. Mary Grew and Sarah Rusk were appointed a Committee to attend to the publication. It was left to the judgment of the Committee to decide the number of copies to have

minute it.

It was moved and adopted that Mary
Gunn be appointed a delegate to the
Anti-Slavery Conference to be held in
Paris in the 6th mo next.

It was announced that the Museum
was present and would receive
subscriptions for the Society.

After remarks from several members
and also from E. M. Davis the
Society adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Phila. Female
A.S. Soc. held April 11th 1867.

The Vice-president in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary M. J. Burleigh
was appointed Sec. pro tem.

S. Pugh reported that 750 copies of the Annual
Report had been printed (at \$47.75 cost) and
were ready for distribution.

S. Pugh was appointed a Com. to send copies
to the persons usually supplied by this society.

A note was read in wh. Henry Johnson
and James Osborn gratefully responded to

the communication sent by the Soc. two months
ago on behalf of the Festival Com.

The following resolution was read and
adopted.

Resolved, That we, in common with all persons
interested in the triumph of civilization over
barbarism, rejoice that by the act of the State
Legislature (since Phila. possessed not virtue
enough to perform the deed) our passenger
Cars have been opened to all persons irre-
spective of color.

On motion adjourned

M. J. Burleigh Sec. pro tem.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. F. A.S. Soc. held
May 8th 1867.

The Vice-president in the chair. In the absence of the
Sec. M. J. Burleigh was appointed Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.
Sarah Pugh stated that she had distributed copies of the
Annual Report as directed.

Cheering evidence of the progress of the good cause
was given in the information presented by S. Pugh
of the abolition of slavery in Brazil, and by

Anna M. Hopper of the city cars in Charleston
being opened to colored people and of five
colored men being upon the Grand Jury in
Richmond Va.

Then adjourned

Ms. J. Burleigh, sec. pro tem.

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti-Slavery
Society held Dec. 13th. 1867.

The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Annie Shoemaker
was appointed Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read &
adopted.

Mary Grew stated that copies of the Annual
Report had been sent to Members of Congress.

The Annual meeting of the American A. S.
Society in N. Y. was represented as having been
one of great interest.

Mary Grew said the subscriptions to the Nat.
A. S. Standard are steadily increasing; the great
work of Abolitionists at this time is to aid in
its distribution; the N. Y. Times reprints the
leading editorial or the Washington Letter weekly;
the Herald & World very frequently copy

copy its editorials; leading papers in the west
do the same; no other paper has its editorials
so widely circulated.

Lucretia Mott said she thought it our duty
to watch closely the political movements in
the country.

A donation of \$75 was made to the
Pa Anti-Slavery Socy and \$50 were appro-
priated to the support of the A. S. Standard.

Adjourned

Annie Shoemaker Sec. pro tem.

At a stated meeting of Female A. S. Society
held Dec. 12th. 1867.

The President in the chair.

The Secretary being absent Annie Shoemaker was
appointed Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

Lucretia Mott said the present was considered a
very critical time by politicians. No one knows how
much mischief may be done by the President before the
meeting of Congress.

She also stated the Amer. A. S. Society had been deprived
of some money due from the estate of Francis Jackson as
a Mess. Court in Boston ^{has} decided that as slavery had been legally

abolished the money left to the A. S. Society should be appropriated to the Freedmen.

Information was given that efforts are being made to get up a Festival similar to the one of last year, to be held in November. Wendell Phillips will probably attend the Festival.

Remarks were made upon the importance of keeping up our organization ^{with no abatement of our energies.} ~~as best we may until Congress meets.~~ Every effort should be made to support the A. S. Standard as it is freely circulated among at Washington among the members of Congress.

Adjourned.

Annie Thoenmaker Sec. pro tem.

A State Meeting of the Phila. & Female Anti-Slavery Society held 10th. Mo. 10th. 1867.

President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Lydia Gillingham was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the last Mtg. were read, and after some discussion, which led to a slight alteration, adopted.

Edward M. Davis and Robert Purvis were present, as a committee of the State Society, and reported that a meeting will be held

on the 8th of November, at Horticultural Hall, at which Wendell Phillips will speak, and they would be glad to have the cooperation of this Association in holding a Festival at the same time - not only as a means of increasing our funds, but as a very pleasant reunion of Anti-Slavery Friends.

The subject being discussed, it was on motion resolved, that such a festival be held at the time proposed, and the following were appointed a committee of arrangement, with power to add to their number. The com. to meet at E. M. Davis's Office No 333 Walnut St. on Friday, the 15th. inst. at 3 o'clock P.M.

to devise ways and means to give as much publicity as possible to the subject. viz. Ellen Child, Harriet Purvis, Anna Child, Hattie Purvis, Sarah Child, Sarah Purvis, Charlotte Peice, Sarah Peice, L. P. Sanfath, Clementine J. Ruby, Sarah Kenderdine, Maria M. Davis, Anne Hopper, Huldah Justice, Lucretia Mott, Sally Rowman, Margaritta Forben, Mary Grew, Lielma M. Jones, Hannah Wildman and Margaret J. Pulleigh.

L. P. Sanfath joined the Society and contributed to its funds.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Lydia Gillingham Sec. pro tem

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female
Ad. Soc. held Nov. 14th 1867.

In the absence of the President and Sec. the
Vice President occupied the chair and Mr. J. Bur-
leigh was appointed Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and adopted.

Mary Grew reported that the appointed
Festival was held in Horticultural Hall
on the evening of Nov. 8th, and that it was
very successful. The net profits of the
week including lectures by Wendell Phillips
in Kennebec Square, Westchester and Chelsea
amounted to \$943. She was unable to report
with precision the pecuniary results of the Festi-
val alone.

Items of information respecting the Festival were
communicated by various members.

A meeting for the Festival Com. was fixed
for Nov 16th at 3 P.M.

Jane C. Echols and Mary L. Dorsey joined
the society.

On motion it was resolved that the meetings
of this society during the winter commence
at 3½ P.M.

Adjourned
Mr. J. Burleigh, Sec. p. t.

